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SUBJECT: SDA ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES—
FEBRUARY 11, 2000

The minutes and revised agenda from the Service Delivery Area (SDA) Advisory Committee conference call held on Friday, February 11, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. are attached for your review and information. Please ensure that the minutes are provided to the appropriate staff.

If you have any questions regarding the minutes, please contact Jim Scholl, at (916) 657-4610.

/S/ BILL BURKE
Chief

Attachments

SERVICE DELIVERY AREA (SDA) ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL
Friday, February 11, 2000

Agenda

10:00 a.m.	Welcome/Agenda Building/Hot Topics	Bill Burke, Job Training Partnership Division (JTPD)
10:15 a.m.	Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Update	Linda Monroe, California Office of Workforce Investment
10:50 a.m.	Agenda for SDA Quarterly on April 18, 2000	Bill Burke, JTPD
11:00 a.m.	WIA Performance Negotiations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workgroup Update	Liz Clingman, JTPD
11:20 a.m.	SDA Advisory Committee Under WIA	All

SERVICE DELIVERY AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

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Welcome/Agenda Building/Hot Topics—Bill Burke, Job Training Partnership Division (JTPD)

- **Title III Expenditure Requirements**—The Department of Labor (DOL) sent the State of New York a letter announcing DOL's intention to eliminate the Title III expenditure requirements. Several Advisory members asked how the letter impacted the State's intention to evaluate the SDAs use of the Title III 40 percent funding with the potential of recapturing underutilized funds. The background is as follows:

California has committed all of the Title III 40 percent funding. The State is working with the Title III 40 percent funded entities to secure funding so that the SDAs can receive the second half of their Rapid Response funds after the mid-year review. Rapid Response requests have substantially increased this year. The State made the decision to provide additional funding to the local entities for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) transition funding; these funds are taken from the Title III 40 percent account. In order to fully fund these requests, JTPD needs to recapture a significant amount of underutilized 40 percent funds during the mid-year review process. The State is also evaluating its resource needs for closeout and the potential for additional projects, closures and so forth throughout the State that may occur this year. Additionally, the State has not received anything from DOL indicating a change of policy regarding the required Title III expenditure levels. Another related discussion item was the State's policy on the Title III 60 percent expenditure levels. Because of dynamic interchange between the 40 percent and the 60 percent funds, review of the 60 percent expenditure policy cannot occur before the completion of the 40 percent mid-year review. The State has a responsibility to assure that all SDAs can meet their closeout resource needs. Also, all State and local partners want the programs that are in operation to continue for the benefit of local participants and provide a seamless transition into WIA. Therefore, there is a need to strategically plan the amounts of money needing to be carried forward into WIA to ensure that the above considerations are met. As a result of the discussion, the State agreed to review the policy on Title III 60 percent expenditure levels and report back at the next Advisory meeting.

WIA Update—Linda Monroe, California Office of Workforce Investment (COWI)

- **WIA State Update**—The COWI put forward a Governor's Action Request (GAR) submitting the local area designation recommendations from the California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB) as approved at its meeting on the 28th. The GAR also asked the Governor to release the transition funds that can be used for transition activities through June 30, 2000.

The public hearings were sparsely attended. The CWIB member participation was very good and enthusiastic. Based on the testimony in San Diego, the CWIB should anticipate a request to be represented on youth councils from organized labor. The next board meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2000. The COWI is working on the agenda with the big item being the approval of the State Plan in order to meet the April 1, 2000, deadline. The interim abbreviated youth plan letter was mailed on January 31, 2000, to DOL. The COWI has not heard anything officially from DOL about the youth plan.

An Advisory member asked if the CWIB is going to give the local areas a blanket transitional Local Workforce Investment Board (LWIB) certification? Linda Monroe stated the draft plan indicates LWIB are in existence as interim boards and have the authority for planning purposes. Currently, no local board has been “grandfathered.” Therefore, all LWIB are currently interim boards.

Another member asked if the interim local boards could designate One-Stop operators because there are not going to be certified boards by June 30, 2000. Jose Luis Marquez indicated COWI is working with CWIB legal staff on this issue and how to establish the legitimacy of interim local boards.

A follow-up question asked if interim local boards should be developing a youth plan or an overall five-year strategic plan based on the draft planning information from COWI. Per Linda Monroe, the law indicates that local plans are required in order for the local areas to receive their allocations. Local areas should use the initial planning guidance even though supplemental guidance will be issued at a later date. Jose Luis Marquez added that the local plans are going to be a work in-progress. The COWI will be modifying the State Plan when policy issues are decided.

WIA Performance Negotiations Workgroup Update—Liz Clingman, JTPD

- **Workgroup Update**• The Performance Measures and Negotiations Workgroup met in Sacramento on February 2 and 11, 2000. The JTPD has organized the workgroup in coordination with the California Workforce Association (CWA). The meetings focused on the definition of the measures and the role of the workgroup to make recommendations on the negotiations process and the level of the State goals. Final performance negotiations between the DOL and the Employment Development Department (EDD) and between the EDD and the local entities will occur after the final guidance is received from the DOL. We expect guidance no later than the middle of March. Also, JTPD, with input from the workgroup, will prepare a letter to go out to the Chief Elected Officials (CEO) asking them to designate their representative for performance negotiations with the State. The local area administrators will receive a copy of the letter to be mailed to the CEOs.

SDA Advisory Committee Under WIA—Bill Burke, JTPD

The decision to include or exclude One-Stop operators in the CWA will be voted on at the Spring Conference. This decision may impact the representation of the Advisory Committee. Therefore, this item will be discussed at the May Advisory SDA Committee meeting or conference call.

The next SDA Advisory conference call will be March 24, 2000, at 10 a.m.